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SUBJECT: ANTI-TRUST INQUIRY - INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS
FEDERATION (ILTF)

1. DENIS HOWELL, M.P., THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SPORT
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HAS ASKED HIS OFFICE TO
MAKE AN INFORMAL APPROACH TO EMBASSY ON BEHALF OF ILTF.
ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER'S OFFICE, ALAN HAYMAN, FORMER
PRESIDENT OF ILTF, WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT A DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE ANTI-TRUST SUIT AIMED AT ELIMINATING ILTF'S
TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING POWERS.

2. J.J. RENDELL, THE MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY,
STATED HOWELL IS SYMPATHETIC TO HAYMAN'S CONCERNS AND
HAS "FRIENDLY DESIRE TO HELP COLLEAGUES IN LAWN TENNIS
WORLD." HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, INFORMALITY OF APPROACH
AND READILY AGREED TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT WE QUERY
DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILS OF ANTI-TRUST CASE BEFORE RAIS-
ING MATTER WITH THE AMBASSADOR. RENDELL ADMITS TO
HAVING ONLY SKETCHY IDEA OF WHAT IS INVOLVED IN CASE.

3. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH BACK-
GROUND ON JUSTICE ANTI-TRUST SUIT AGAINST ILTF FOR USE
IN DISCUSSION WITH RENDELL AND POSSIBLY ILTF SUPPORTERS
IN UK.

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